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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO TABLE TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY UNDERSTANDINGS (REF A) AT JULY 22 SPC MEETING. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING CHANGES TO TEXT PROPOSED IN REF B.

A. PARA. 7--WE COULD ACCEPT INSERTION OF "EQUIVALENT" AFTER "SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL" AND BEFORE "UNITS" IN THE THIRD SENTENCE. THE WORD "EQUIVALENT" IS INTENDED TO COVER TWO CASES. ONE INVOLVES A SOVIET OFFER THAT INCLUDES A TANK ARMY DEFICIENT IN THE NUMBERS OF DIVISIONS OR TANKS. IN THIS CASE, COMBAT UNITS WOULD CLEARLY BE REQUIRED. IN THE SECOND CASE, THE SOVIETS MIGHT OFFER A TANK ARMY OF FIVE DIVISIONS, 1700 MAIN BATTLE TANKS, AND 66,000 MEN (MCM-86-74 ESTIMATES THE 1ST GUARDS TANK ARMY HAS THESE APPROXIMATE CHARACTERISTICS). IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, BE NECESSARY TO REQUIRE THAT THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 MEN BE IN COMBAT UNITS.

B. PARA. 10--WE WISH TO TABLE PAPER WITHOUT ADDITION OF WORD "NUCLEAR" TO STATEMENT DEFINING LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE LAUNCHERS. IN A PRACTICAL SENSE, THE SAME LAUNCHER WOULD BE USED FOR EITHER NUCLEAR OR NON-NUCLEAR MISSILES OF THE SAME TYPE. TO ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE FROM LIMITATION FUTURE MODELS OF PERSHING WHICH ARE DUAL CAPABLE WILL ERODE DISTINCTIONS USED IN DEFINING NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT. THAT LIMITATION APPLIES TO ALL AIRCRAFT OF SPECIFIC MODELS IF AT LEAST SOME AIRCRAFT OF THESE MODELS ARE PHYSICALLY CAPABLE OF DELIVERING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHOUT FURTHER MODIFICATION. IF FUTURE MODELS OF PERSHING WERE DUAL CAPABLE, LAUNCHERS WOULD REMAIN UNDER LIMITATION BECAUSE OF THEIR CAPABILITY TO DELIVER A NUCLEAR WARHEAD WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

C. PARA. 18--CHANGE SECOND CLAUSE OF FIRST SENTENCE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIES WOULD BE THOSE RESULTING FROM COLLECTIVE LIMITS ON ALLIED AIR AND GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE AREA." THE CLAUSE MAKES CLEAR THAT THE COLLECTIVE LIMITS WOULD APPLY TO ALL ALLIED FORCES IN THE AREA, NOT JUST

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TO NON-US ALLIED FORCES.

2. IN ADDITION, DELETE THE PARENTHETICAL STATEMENT IN PARA. 5 OF REF A, SPECIFICALLY "(E.G., HONEST JOHN AND SERGEANT)". THIS CONFORMS WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DECISION (PARA. 2 OF USDELMC 551/75 DTG 15083Z JULY 75) TO DELETE A SIMILAR PHRASE FROM THE SHAPE ASSESSMENT OF OPTION III.

3. FINALLY, AS SUGGESTED BY MBFR VIENNA 386, YOU SHOULD

DELETE "RESIDUAL" IN PARA 14 OF US SUPPLEMENT TEXT (REF A).

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